Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the Diwan of the State has to get permission when he goes outside the State from His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, does it arise out of this?

HARBOUR RAILWAY—FINANCIAL ASPECT, ETC., OF

120. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the financial aspect of the Harbour Railway;

(*b*) are Government aware that the passage from the ferry landing place to the railway station is exposed and passengers put to inconvenience owing to the inclemency of the weather, to sun, heat and rain?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The question is vague and cannot therefore be answered.

(*b*) Government are aware that passengers are put to some inconvenience.

ENCROACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SAMBAVAS

121. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any proceedings were taken by the Revenue Department in respect of some lands, hitherto poramboke, occupied by some Parayas (Sambavas) in Mannampettah, Amballur village, Mukundapuram Taluk;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, to what effect was the proceedings;

(*c*) whether the lands were not assigned to these Sambavas;

(*d*) how long were they occupying these lands;

(*e*) whether any amount by way of encroachment fees, etc., has been levied and collected from these Sambavas in past years;

(*f*) whether any amount is due to Government from these Sambavas by way of land tax or fine?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) The encroached area was ordered to be licensed to them.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) From 1110.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know who these Sambavas are? *(Laughter)*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Parayas.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know whether for encroachment these people are fined?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not fined. Only a license fee is imposed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, it is stated here that the lands are not yet assigned to these Sambavas. How can you account for that?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Generally we don't give lands on assignment. We give them only on license. We permit them to live there. That is all. If we give them on assignment they will deal with the property as they like. They are allowed to live there so long as they are prepared to live there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Am I to take it that the lands which are referred to here have already been licensed?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, from 1110.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the license fee?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That will be only a small amount—two annas per cent or so. We charge so small an amount specially for the Depressed Classes. Otherwise, there is the impossibility of collecting. What is the use of simply showing dues and then writing it off afterwards?

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is this license fee recurring every year or only has to be paid once?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, every year.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Are there any arrears due now?

Mr. President: Have they ever paid? *(Laughter)*

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When were those plots licensed to them ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It must be on various dates from 1110 onwards. They came and occupied these lands from 1110. We took action against them. Then they applied for assignment. We gave these lands to them on license.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I remember that some of these Sambavas were threatened with eviction in last Medam and that caused a question of this nature, whether any fresh licenses were issued with regard to the lands in the village referred to in this question in 1116 ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Without notice I am not in a position to say that. But I can say one thing. It is only when they are threatened with eviction they come with an application for license. Till then they do not care for our authority.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* They have nobody to help also !

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S COURT—DEEPENING OF A WELL IN

122. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the well situated in the compound of the District Magistrate's Court was useful for purposes of supplying water during the hot months of the year ;

(*b*) if not, whether any effort was made in 1116 to deepen the well ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) There is no water in the well during the hot months. The bottom is of sheet rock. Blasting of the rock to a depth of 5' was tried with no advantage. Further deepening will be of no use.

(*b*) See answer to (*a*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was any effort made to close the well ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The well is useful during the other months of the year.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when the scheme to extend the pipe line to that area will be completed ?

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